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U.S. Patent No. 6,332,031 ("Rhoads") is disqualified as prior art because, at the time the claimed invention of claim 13 was made, the Rhoads subject matter and the claimed invention was subject to an obligation of assignment to Digimarc Corporation.

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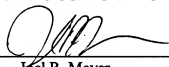
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